
Michael R. Gutermuth



Director, Surface Systems Contracts Division Naval Sea Systems Command

Mr. Michael R. Gutermuth serves as the Director, Surface Systems Contracts Division (SEA 025), of the Naval Sea Systems Command. He is responsible for directing and coordinating major procurement operations involving planning, negotiating, and awarding contracts in support of Naval Surface Systems and Weapons including combat systems, radars, electronic warfare systems, missiles and guns. The scope of these programs results in annual obligations in excess of \$2.5 billion.

In August 2005, Mr. Gutermuth was selected for appointment to the Senior Executive Service (SES).

Mr. Gutermuth has 28 years of total civil service with the Department of the Navy.

He was selected in June 1995 as the Head, Surface Combatants Contracts Branch, Shipbuilding Division, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard. Mr. Gutermuth was responsible for the overall contracting of major naval ship design and construction programs valued at over \$1 Billion annually in support of the Program Executive Offices for Theater Surface Combatants, Expeditionary Warfare and Surface Strike. Significant programs included DDG 51 Class AEGIS Destroyer, DD(X) Multi-Mission Destroyer, Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), Multi-product cargo ship (T-AKE), Oceanographic Survey and Research vessels and U.S. Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker. From 1992 to 1995, he served as Head, Ship Defense Contracts Branch, Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, Va. He was responsible for the overall contracting of major combat and weapon systems in support of the Program Executive Office (PEO) for Theater Air Defense. From 1988 to 1992, Mr. Gutermuth served as Head, Standard Missile/RAM/VLS Contracts Branch, Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, Va. He was responsible for the overall contracting of several major missile development and production programs including international cooperative programs.

Mr. Gutermuth attended the University of Maryland in College Park, Md. and graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's of science degree in business management. In 1986, he received a master's of science degree in procurement and materials management from the American University. He

also completed the Business Resource Management Program at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate Business School in 1985 and the Senior Executive Fellows Program from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2002.

Mr. Gutermuth's awards include the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2002), the Navy Competition and Procurement Excellence Award (1987, 1996 and 2002), and the DoD Value Engineering Achievement Award (1997).

Mr. Gutermuth is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III Certified in Contracting (1996) and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community (1993).